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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, Concerning the New Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

1. I met with Ed Braswell this afternoon to talk with him about the implications of the establishment of the new Intelligence Committee. I told Braswell I was particularly concerned about the jurisdictional situation between the Intelligence Committee and the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services Committee. I said I was especially interested in how Braswell thought the budget procedure would operate.
2. S. Res. 400 establishes exclusive jurisdiction within the Intelligence Committee over the CIA budget authorization. We then discussed just how the balance of the Intelligence Community budget would be handled within the Armed Services Committee. S. Res. 400 gives "sequential jurisdiction" to both the Intelligence Committee and the Armed Services Committee on all defense agencies, other than CIA. Braswell and I concluded that the Director should make the Community budget presentation to the Armed Services Committee rather than DIA and NSA (this follows the practice of having the Director brief the authorization committees on the Community budget. Braswell and I also felt that while there was no longer a requirement for the Director to brief the Armed Services Committee on the CIA budget, it would make sense for him to include CIA as part of the Intelligence Community presentation.
3. In all other matters pertaining to legislation (such as amendments to the CIARDS legislation), jurisdiction is vested in the new Intelligence Committee.

4. With respect to Mr. E. H. Knoche's confirmation (now pending in the Senate Armed Services Committee), Braswell said several members of their Committee were interested in fighting the new Intelligence Committee's assertion of jurisdiction, but Chairman John Stennis is not inclined at this moment to take on this battle. Braswell expects that Senator Stennis will ask the Senate to discharge the Senate Armed Services Committee's consideration of the nomination and refer it to the new Intelligence Committee.

5. In the course of our conversation, I mentioned to Braswell that I would like to bring [redacted] up to chat with him. Braswell said he had talked with [redacted]
[redacted] and would indeed be pleased to have a visit with him.

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